

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition for detecting a target microorganism in a sample, comprising a growth-supporting medium for the specific enrichment of a target microorganism and a conditionally detectable marker that undergoes a color change when reacted upon by a viable microorganism in the sample, wherein the color change is produced by a biochemical reduction of the conditionally detectable marker, and a substrate for an aminopeptidase, wherein said aminopeptidase is substantially absent from the target microorganism, wherein said target microorganism is selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *E. coli* O157, and *Campylobacter*, and *Staphylococcus aureus*, wherein said substrate comprises a signal moiety, the signal moiety capable of providing a detectable signal when cleaved by substantially all non-target microorganisms in the sample, and wherein said conditionally detectable marker and said substrate for an aminopeptidase are not the same molecule.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein said target microorganism is *Campylobacter*.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein said conditionally detectable marker comprises tetrazolium red.

8.-9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein said aminopeptidase is an L-alanine-aminopeptidase.

11. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 10, wherein said substrate is selected from the group consisting of L-Alanine-7-amido-4-methylcoumarin, L-Alanine-7-amido-4-methylcoumarin TFA, L-Alanine-7-amido-4-trifluoromethylcoumarin TFA, L-Alanyl-L-alanyl-L-phenylalanine-7-amido-4-methylcoumarin, and L-Alanyl-L-alanyl-L-phenylalanine-7-amido-4-methylcoumarin TFA.

12. (Original) The composition of claim 11, wherein said substrate is L-alanine-7-amido-4-methylcoumarin.

13. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein said non-target microorganisms include substantially all non-*Campylobacter* species.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein said growth supporting medium contains all necessary nutrients and growth conditions to properly support the growth of the target microorganism.

16. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein said growth supporting medium contains antibiotics to suppress the growth of non-target microorganisms.

17.-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A composition for detecting *Campylobacter* in a sample, comprising a growth-supporting medium for the specific enrichment of *Campylobacter* and a conditionally detectable marker that undergoes a color change

when reacted upon by a viable microorganism in the sample, and a substrate for an L-alanine-aminopeptidase, wherein said aminopeptidase is substantially absent from the *Campylobacter* target microorganism, wherein said substrate comprises a signal moiety, the signal moiety capable of providing a detectable signal when cleaved by substantially all non-target microorganisms in the sample, and wherein said conditionally detectable marker and said substrate for said aminopeptidase are not the same molecule.

26. (Canceled)